



## CARVER FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2019 MEETING

Present: Chairman Alan Germain, George Callahan, Kathryn Bandzul, Vice Chairman, William Duggan, Beth Sulger, John Cotter, Jr., Meg LaMay, Finance Director and Town Administrator Michael Milanoski. Also present: Marianne MacLeod, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Germain opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting will be recorded by Area 58.

***Public comment period.***

No one is present to speak.

***Presentation by and discussion with Veterans Department Budget.***

The Veteran's representative isn't able to attend meeting tonight. Ms. LaMay reviewed the budget. Mr. Milanoski gave out a detailed breakdown and reviewed this as well.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to approve \$278,810 to send to the Selectman for inclusion in the Town warrant, seconded by Mr. Callahan, voted and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Mr. Milanoski informed the Committee that the ambulance service amount has been adjusted from what was approved before. The new amount will be \$664,439. Mr. Cotter made a Motion to amend the new total to \$789,230.98, to be forwarded to Selectmen for inclusion in the Town Warranted, seconded by Mr. Callahan, voted and passed 5-0-1, with Ms. Bandzul abstaining.

***Wrap up of Grant program***

Mr. Germain handed out some additional information received from Grant recipients, explaining what they did with the money they received last year. Also, the local food pantry, Shane Gives Thanks said last year they helped 702 individuals and 531 families. They are asking for \$6,000 this year. Mr. Germain would like to ask the Finance Committee to grant the \$6,000 limit, if the Town Meeting approves the new Grant system. This would be just for this year. The Committee would like to see 75% of the grant money to go towards programs where the Town of Carver residents are benefited.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to move the Grant process to the Selectman, seconded by Ms. Sulger, voted and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

***Wrap up of stipend increase for 2 committees***

This proposal was to increase the Selectmen's stipend from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the Chairman and \$1,700 to \$2,000 for the member. The difference in the bottom line would be \$2,200.

The other proposal is to increase the stipend for the Conservation Commission, increasing the Chairman stipend to \$1,000 and members to \$800. The difference in the bottom line would be \$5,000 assuming a full board, which there is not at this time.

Mr. Germain feels the Conservation Commission is grossly underpaid for the work they do. There are two meetings a month and average of 2 days of site walks per month as well. This would be in line with the stipends received by the Planning Board.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to raise the stipend of the Selectman Chairman to \$3,000 and member to \$2,000 and Conservation Commission stipend for Chairman to \$1,000 and member to \$800, seconded by Mr. Callahan, voted and passed 5-0-1, with Mr. Germain abstaining.

***Update from Town Administrator - Budget Items***

Mr. Milanoski reviewed the overall budget amounts by Department. This is the general government budget of the Town. These numbers will be on the warrant. He and Ms. LaMay answered questions from the committee members.

The committee also received a copy of the Town Administrator's 2018 Annual Report.

Mr. Germain also shared an email he received from Mr. Milanoski, between Ms. Weston & Mr. Pickering from the Mass. DOER C/O Mass DEP, with regards to the approval of the MAPC street light rapid repair retrofit program and asking if there are any additional grant opportunities under the green communities grant that the town can apply for toward this. Mr. Pickering stated that Carver would need to be a Designated Green Community to access any Green Communities grant money that could potentially be used for the LED Streetlight Retrofit Program.

Mr. Germain also shared a copy of tonight's Selectman's agenda, showing the items they will be discussing with the Selectmen.

***Read and approve minutes of 02/21/19 meeting.***

Mr. Cotter made a Motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Sulger, voted and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Next meeting date and time. Immediately following 03-05-19 at 7 PM with Board of Selectmen

Mr. Germain reviewed information in the Town Administrator's report, where the Finance Committee will begin to explore, long-term options from a financial and sustainability standpoint to address our smaller school district with collaboration from other boards, committees, and

residents. Mr. Germain would like to see the Finance Committee to include a member of the School Committee as well as a member of the Board of Selectman on the Committee. This could be a subcommittee of the Finance Committee; avoiding any conflict of interest.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Duggan, voted and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne MacLeod  
Recording Secretary

Voted & Approved